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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Robert M. Gates

SUBJECT : Agenda for Discussion with the Secretary of Defense

At the staff meeting Tuesday morning you asked for proposed items of business you might raise with the Secretary of Defense. What I have received is pretty thin. The proposals are as follows:

1. The DDCI and Les Dirks suggest that you discuss with the Secretary early resolution of selection of a new Director of the NRO.

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3. John McMahon suggests that you take up the question of "net assessments" with the Secretary and discuss how you view the use of force interaction analyses in NIEs.

4. Related to Item 3, NFAC also suggests that you raise the problem of CIA access to DOD planning, R&D, and operational data important to our own assessments.

5. Fred Hitz suggests that you raise with the Secretary DOD's failure to respond to your legislative proposal to amend FOIA, of particular relevance since the National Security Agency is involved in this legislation.

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I have background briefing papers on most of the above items. If you schedule a meeting with the Secretary, he no doubt will have additional items of his own to present. I think you have enough here to schedule a meeting, perhaps early next week, one of the principal purposes of which would be to initiate a series of regular sessions with Secretary Weinberger parallel to the meetings you both have with Secretary Haig. Once a meeting is scheduled, I will prepare a book for you with appropriate background information on the topics you wish to raise. You might indicate on the above list if there are any that you would prefer not discuss with the Secretary at this time.

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